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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT is in response to Applicant's submission received June 18, 2008.

Election/Restrictions

2. Newly submitted claims 18-40 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: the new claims are a subcombination useable together with the originally presented invention.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 18-40 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

3. The amendment filed on June 18, 2008 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the originally presented claims were drawn to a method for calculating benefits to a public sector entity from a technology expenditure that included determining the net effect on each of the activities from a plan for implementing the technology expenditure.

4. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the

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Conclusion

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